

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A terminal information registration apparatus comprising:

5 a communication module connected to a terminal management apparatus by a communication network; and  
a registration module that registers management object terminal information into said terminal management apparatus via said communication module, said registration module being configured to set a  
10 provisional access code issued to an authorized user into said communication module and establish a communication for registering terminal identification information of one or more electronic office terminals as the terminal information.

15 2. The terminal information registration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registration module is configured to hold a formal access code sent back from said terminal management apparatus as a result of registration of the terminal  
20 identification information, set the formal access code into said communication module and establish a communication for registering running status information of said one or more electronic office terminals as the management object terminal  
25 information.

3. The terminal information registration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said

registration module is incorporated together with said communication module into a server computer connected to said one or more electronic office terminals by a local area network and configured to collect the  
5 terminal identification information from said one or more electronic office terminals.

4. The terminal information registration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said registration module is incorporated into each  
10 electronic office terminal together said the communication module.

5. The terminal information registration apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said electronic office terminal includes at least one of a scanner  
15 unit, printer unit and facsimile unit.

6. A terminal information registration method which connects a communication module to a terminal management apparatus by a communication network and registers management object terminal information into  
20 said terminal management apparatus via said communication module, comprising:

setting a provisional access code issued to an authorized user into said communication module; and  
establishing a communication for registering  
25 terminal identification information of one or more electronic office terminals as the management object terminal information.

7. The terminal information registration method according to claim 6, further comprising:

holding a formal access code sent back from said terminal management apparatus as a result of registration of the terminal identification information;

setting the formal access code into said communication module; and

establishing a communication for registering running status information of said one or more electronic office terminals as the management object terminal information.

8. The terminal information registration method according to claim 6, wherein registration of the management object terminal information is performed as a result of collection of the terminal identification information from said one or more electronic office terminals by use of a server computer connected to said one or more electronic office terminals by a local area network.

9. The terminal information registration method according to claim 6, wherein registration of the management object terminal information is performed in each electronic office terminal.

10. A terminal information registration program which is executed by a registration module incorporated together with a communication module into a server

computer connected to one or more electronic office terminals by a local area network to connect said communication module to a terminal management apparatus by a communication network and operate said registration module to register management object terminal information into said terminal management apparatus via said communication module, said program comprising:

10        setting a provisional access code issued to an authorized user into said communication module; and  
         establishing a communication for registering terminal identification information of said one or more electronic office terminals as the management object terminal information.

15        11. The terminal information registration program according to claim 10, further comprising:

         holding a formal access code sent back from said terminal management apparatus as a registration result of the terminal identification information;

20        setting the formal access code into said communication module; and

         establishing a communication for registering running status information of said one or more electronic office terminals as the management object terminal information.

25        12. The terminal information registration program according to claim 10, wherein registration of the

management object terminal information is performed as a result of collection of the terminal identification information from said one or more electronic office terminals.